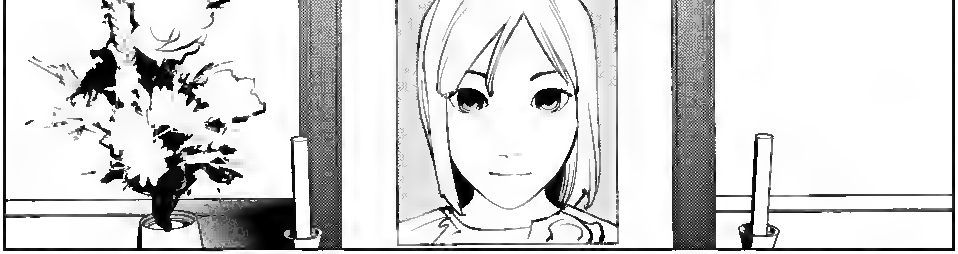
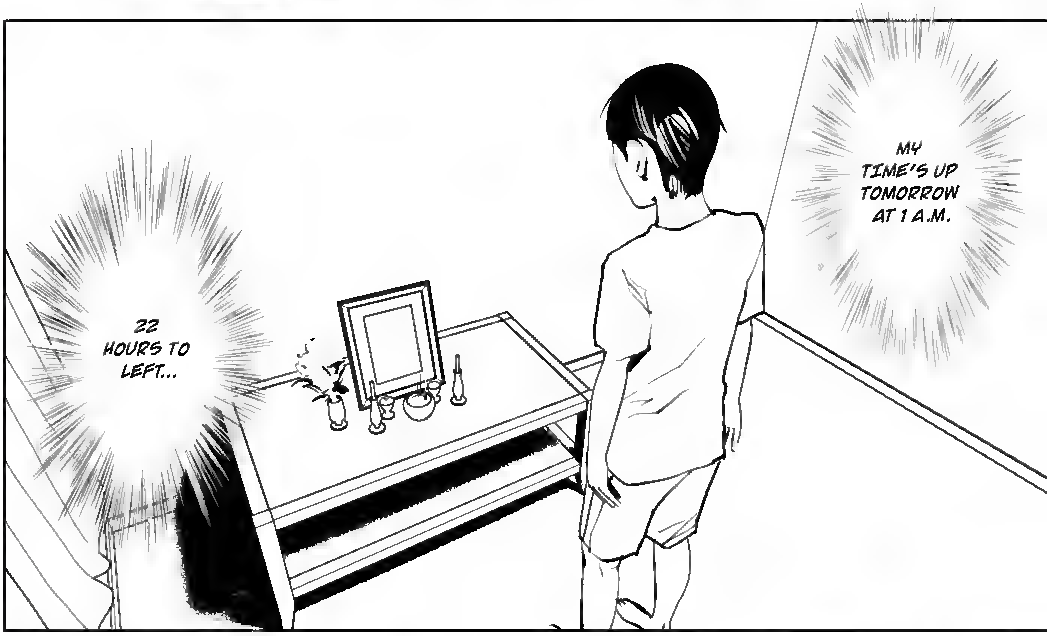
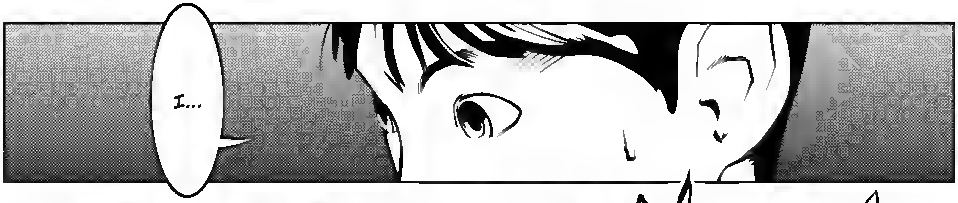
SHAAAAAA
DING DONG
ピンポーン
KOU-ICHI-KUN...
IT'S LATE, I KNOW.
BUT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL ALL DAY AND YOU WEREN'T PICKING UP.
I KNOW I CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, BUT-
THANKS.
BUT I'LL BE OKAY.
I JUST WANT TO BE ALONE...




MY TIME'S UP TOMORROW AT 1 A.M.
22 HOURS TO LEFT...


I...

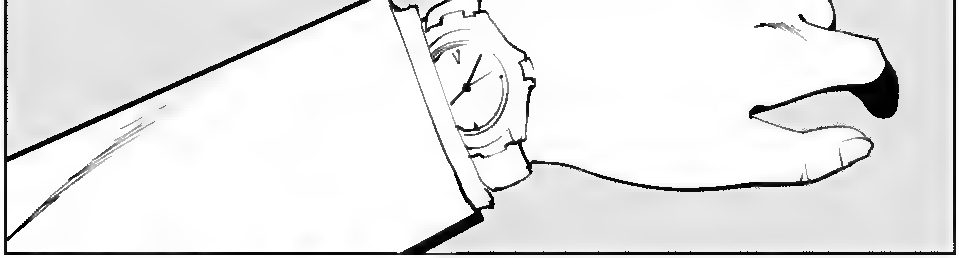
SLAM
I CAN'T DO IT!
FLINCH

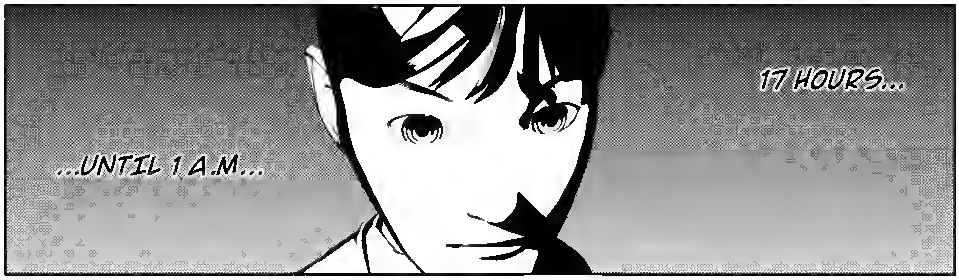
...IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.
DO SO AND WE'LL REVIVE YOUR WIFE.
PLEASE KILL THREE HUMANS...

...CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN
WE SISTERS ...

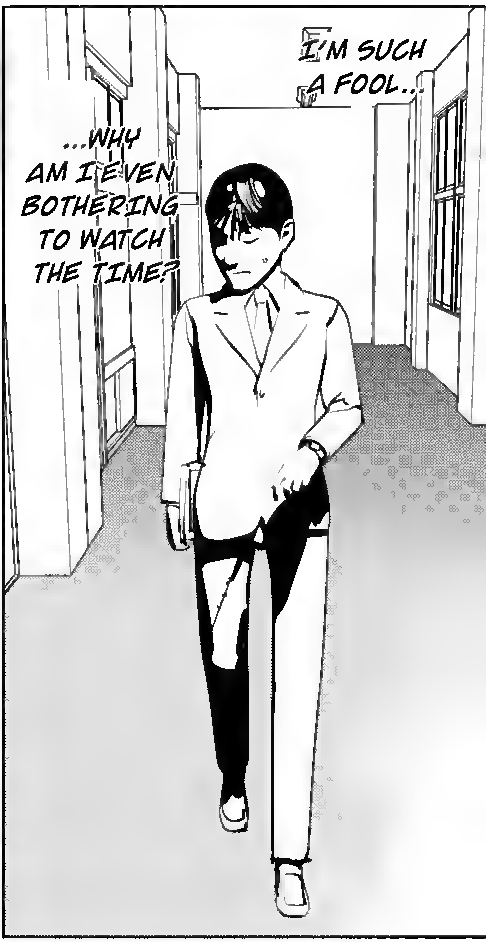
REMAINING TIME
22:17:55

SLIIIDE
MURMUR
MURMUR
TSUTSUMI-SENSEI!
SHOULDN'T YOU STILL BE AT HOME?!
THE FUNERAL WAS ONLY TWO DAYS AGO...
I'M FINE.
JUST SITTING AROUND AT HOME ALONE IS MAKING ME MORE DEPRESSED.
I'M READY TO WORK AGAIN.



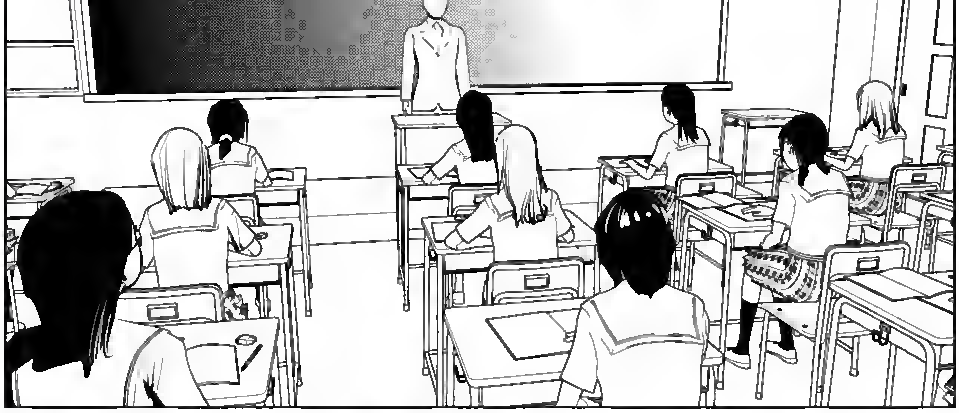

17 HOURS...
...UNTIL 1 A.M...

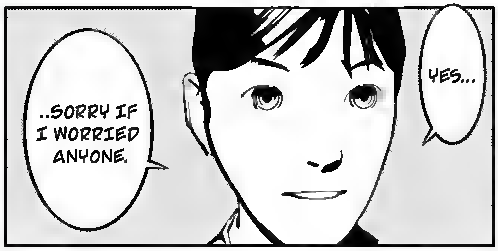
I CAN'T KILL SOMEONE...
NO.
I WON'T KILL SOMEONE.


I'M SUCH A FOOL...
...WHY AM I EVEN BOTHERING TO WATCH THE TIME?

THAT'S WHY I CAME TO SCHOOL TODAY, RIGHT?

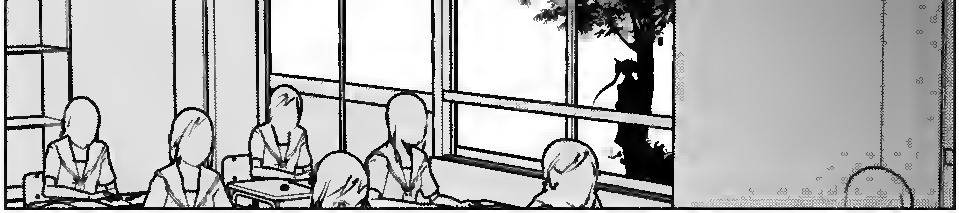
AH-
TSU-TSUMI-SENSEI!

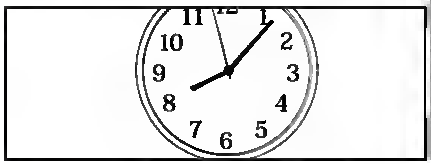



..SORRY IF I WORRIED ANYONE.
YES...

...ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
SENSEI ...

I'M SURE NATSUKI WAS SMILING UP IN HEAVEN—
I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR ALL COMING TO THE SERVICE
BUT I'LL BE FINE.




12
1
2
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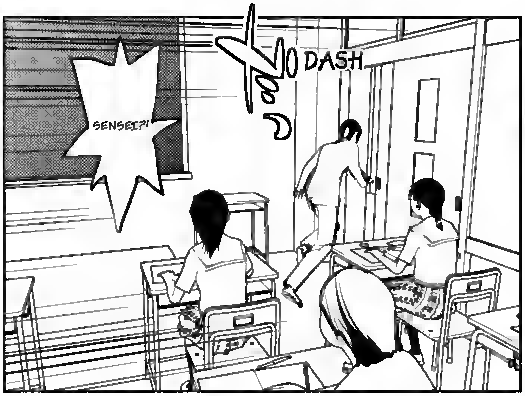
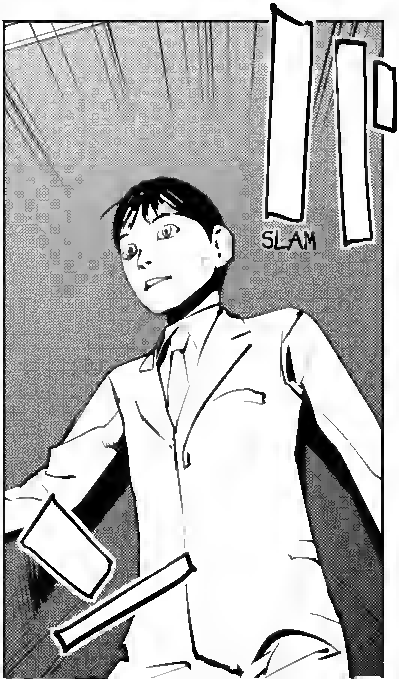
GLANCE

...!
!!

..SENSEI.
17 HOURS LEFT...

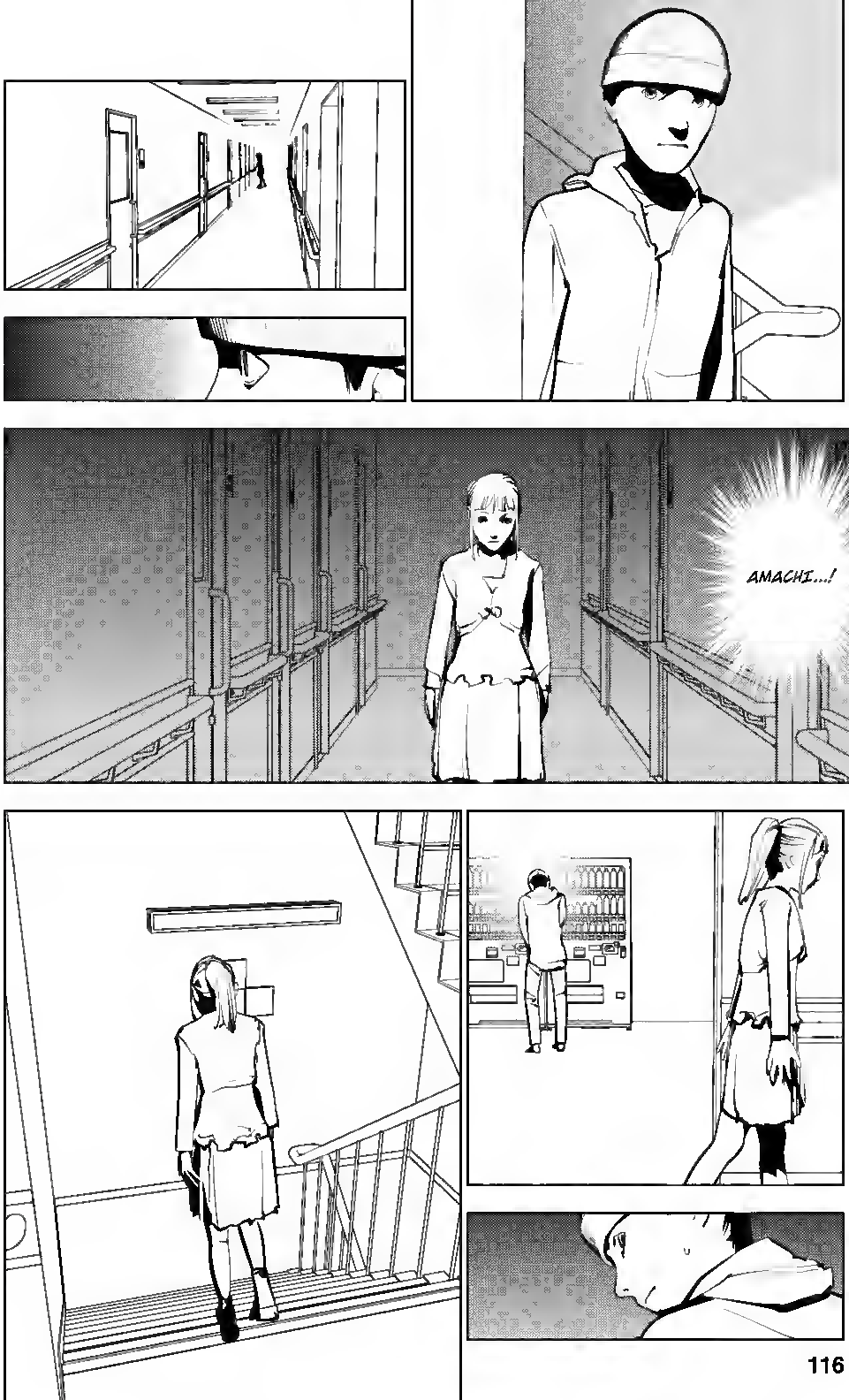
AAH-
AH-


SENSEI?!
DASH

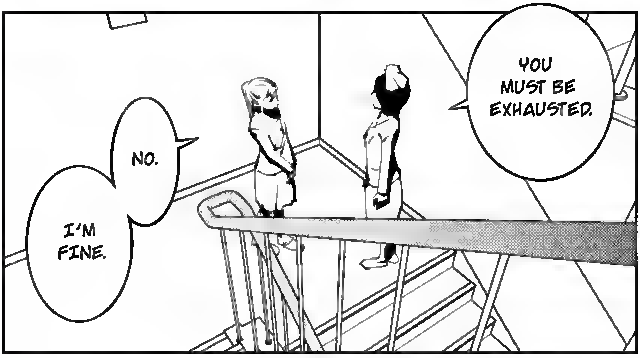

SLAM

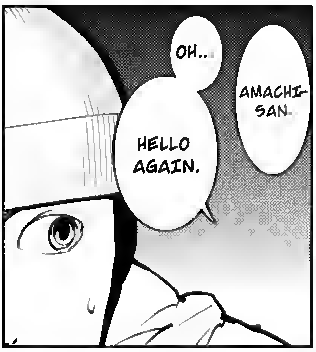
AGAIN...
...I'M RUNNING AGAIN.
BUT...
...WHERE AM I GOING?!
CENTRAL 病院
WHY AM I ...
...ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY?!

REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS SINCE THEY ADMITTED HIM TO DENTAL HOSPITAL
REMAINING TIME
14:48:07
THEY'VE GOT HIM ON LIFE SUPPORT.
BUT THEY'RE SAYING HE'LL NEVER WAKE UP.


AMACHI...!

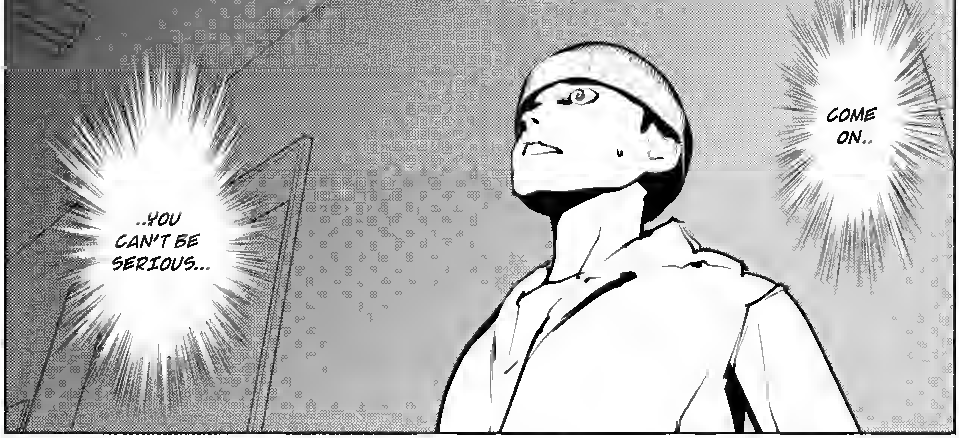
HIS ROOM SHOULD BE EMPTY NOW ...
NOW'S MY CHANCE!

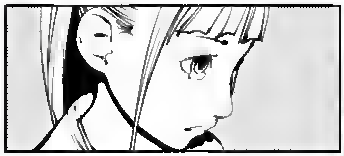

YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED.
NO.
I'M FINE.

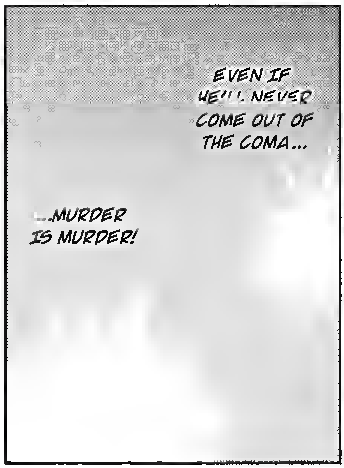

OH...
AMACHI-SAN.
HELLO AGAIN.

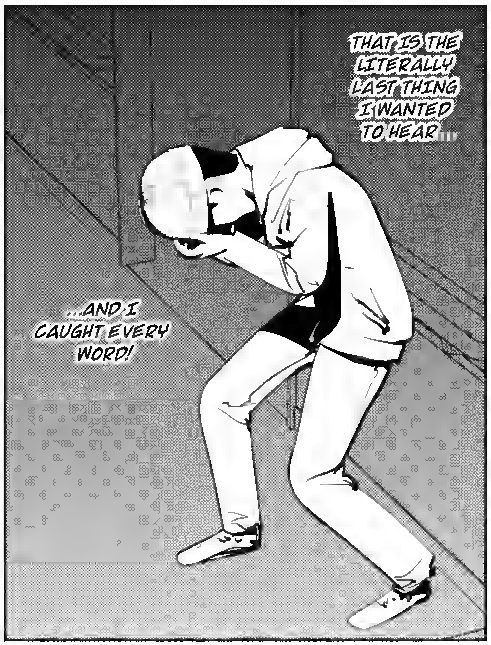
HE'LL RECOVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
YES, I'M SURE HE WILL.

NO MATTER HOW BAD HIS CONDITION GETS...
...HE'S MY DAD, AND I LOVE HIM.

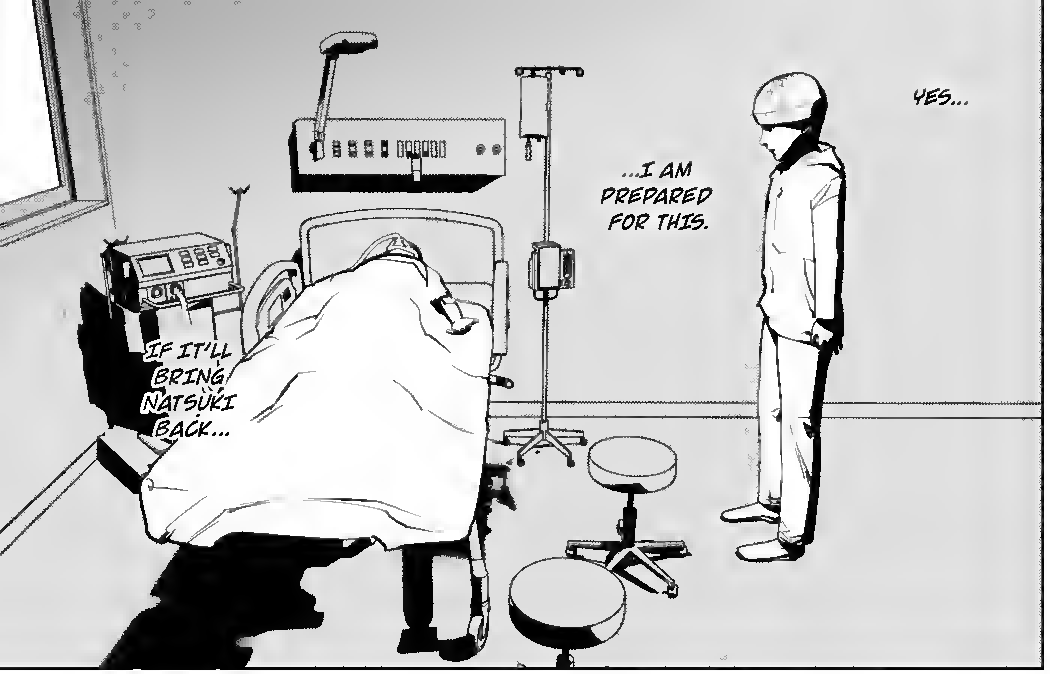

COME ON..
..YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS..

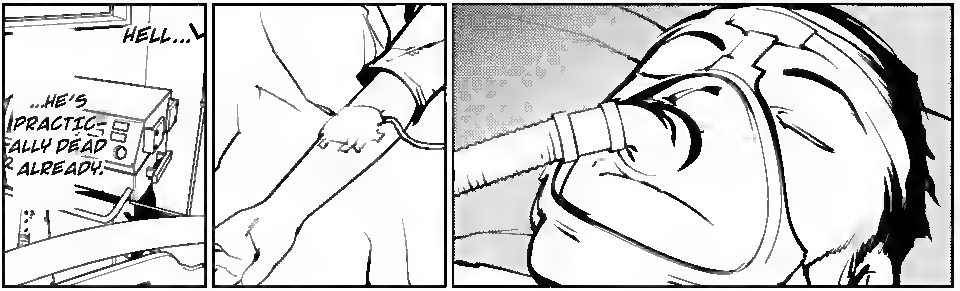


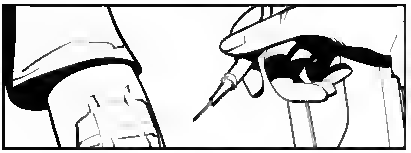

EVEN IF HE'LL NEVER COME OUT OF THE COMA...
...MURDER IS MURDER!


THAT IS THE LITERALLY LAST THING I WANTED TO HEAR
...AND I CAUGHT EVERY WORD!

I THOUGHT...
...I PREPARED MYSELF FOR THIS!


IF IT'LL BRING NATSUKI BACK...
...I AM PREPARED FOR THIS.
YES...

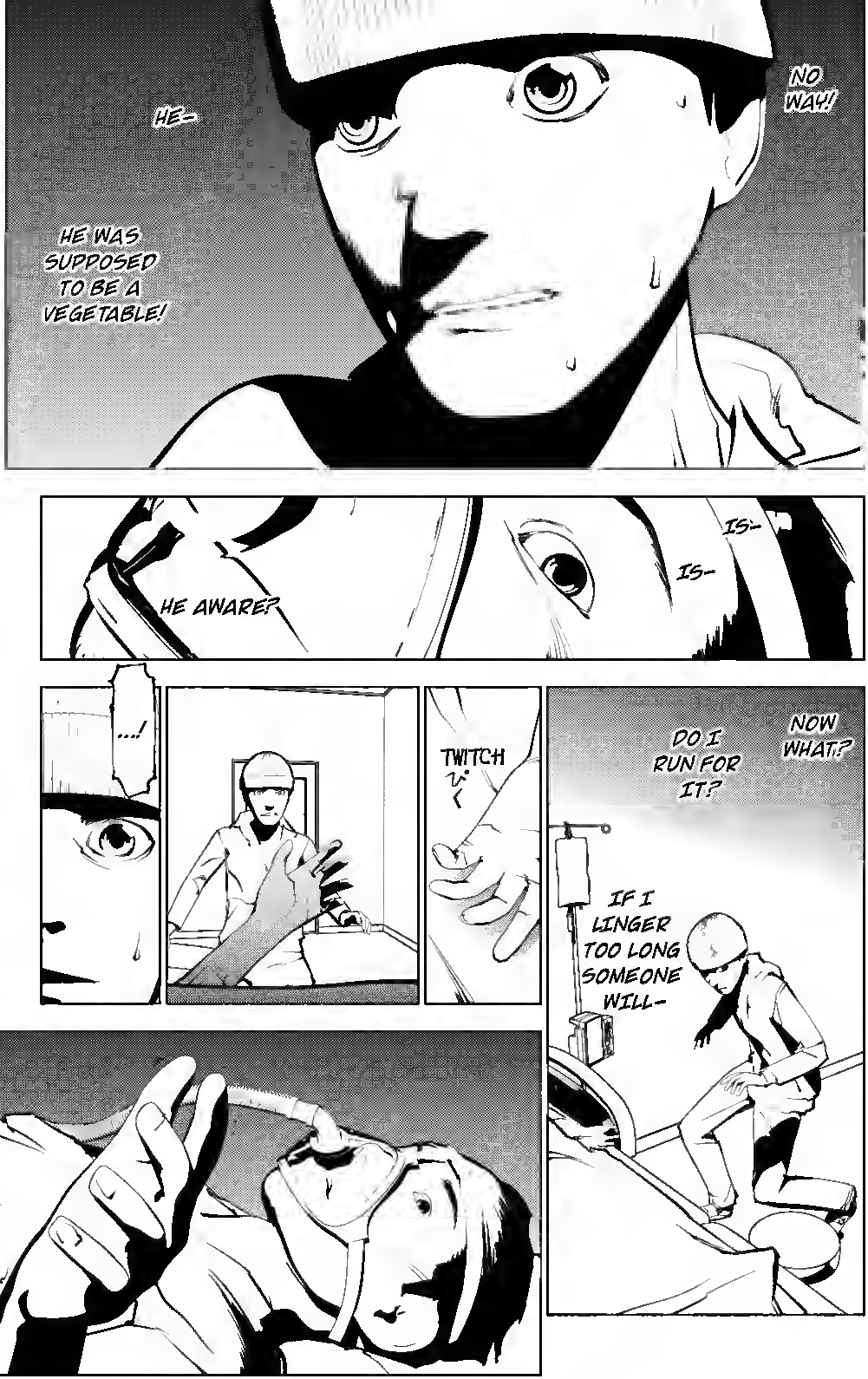

HELL...
...HE'S IPRACTIC- FALLY DEAD R ALREADY.



THE MAN CAN'T SUPPORT HIS FAMILY OR EVEN HIMSELF LIKE THIS.
YEAH...
...I'M SAVING HIM AND AMACHI FROM A LONG, MISERABLE BATTLE.

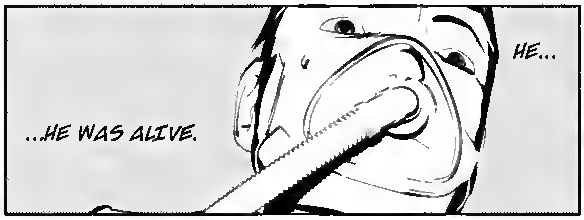
I'LL...
...MAKE THE PAIN GO AWAY.

AH-
HA AH-
CLATTER
?!


NO WAY!
HE-
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A VEGETABLE!
IS-
IS-
HE AWARE?
...!
TWITCH
びく
NOW WHAT?
DO I RUN FOR IT?
IF I LINGER TOO LONG SOMEONE WILL-

CLENCH
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY!
...
...?!
SQUEEZE

REMAINING TIME
14:13:32


HE...
...HE WAS ALIVE.

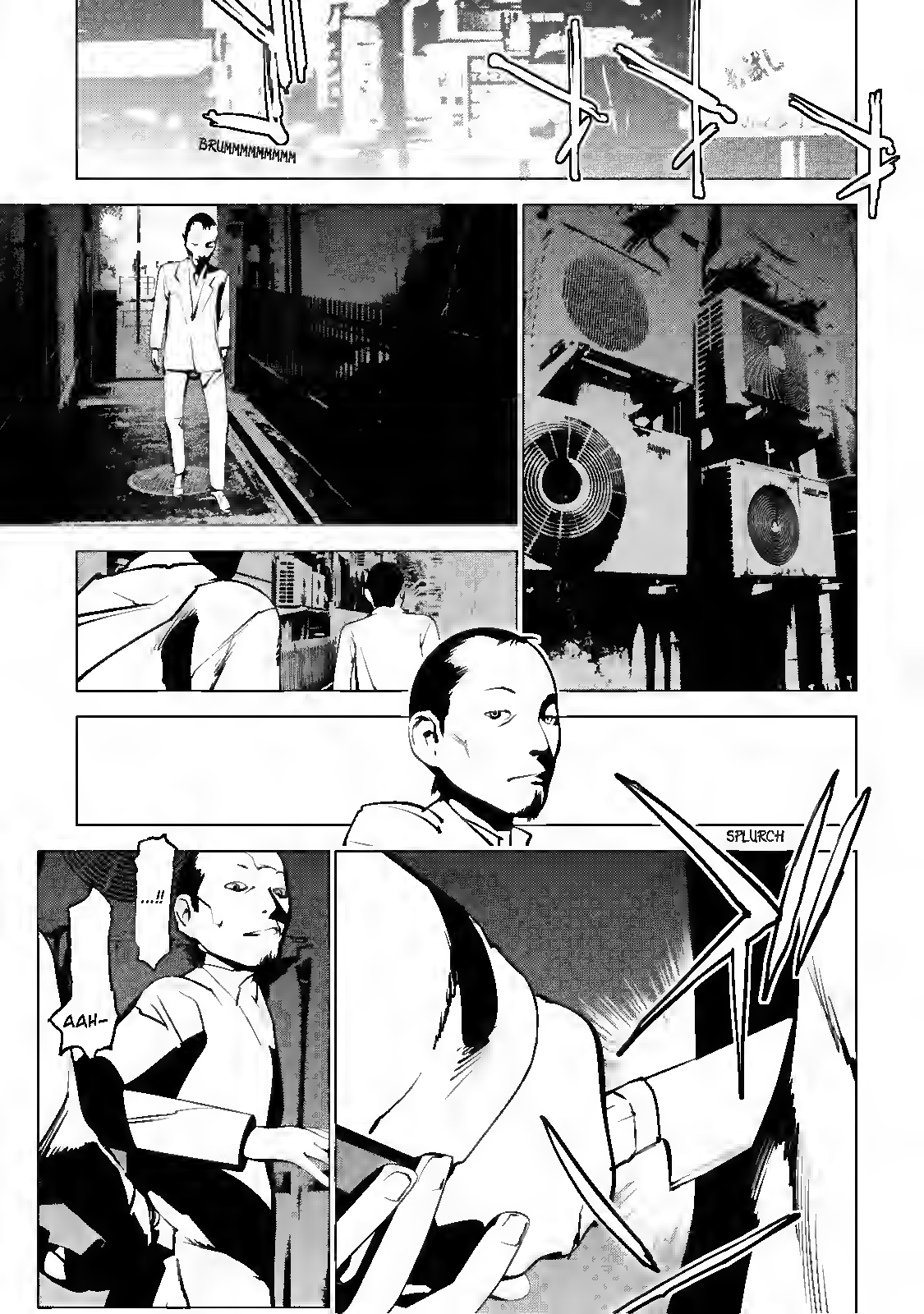
I KILLED A MAN...
...WITH THESE TWO HANDS...

UCK-
HU RR RK-

WHOA, SENSEI!
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.
SMACK
UWAAAAAAGH!
Y-
YOU AGAIN ...
WHAT...
...DO YOU WANT?
THIS WON'T DO, SENSEI.
KEEP ACTING LIKE THAT AND IT'LL BE OBVIOUS YOU'RE A MURDERER!

YOU FINALLY KILLED ONE PERSON.
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE?
OF COURSE, I WAS TRYING TO STAY HIDDEN.
I DIDN'T JUST GET HERE YOU KNOW. I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU THE WHOLE TIME.
...
YOU TOOK CARE OF IT RIGHT?
COLLECTING THE CORPSE ..
AND HIDING ANY EVIDENCE
ABSO-LUTELY
EVERYTHING'S ALREADY BEEN CLEANED UP.
ANYWAY, WE'RE USING YOUR FIRST CORPSE.
...AND GETTING READY TO REVIVE YOUR WIFE.
...
THAT MAN WENT MISSING ..
...AND NO ONE WILL EVER FIND HIM.

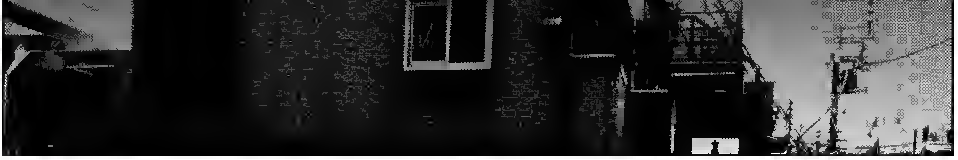
I...
...REALLY HOPE YOU SUCCEED.
SO ONCE YOU'VE CALMED DOWN TRY TO HURRY AND GET THE OTHER TWO!
NO.
... NOTHING...
JUST MY IMAGI-NATION.
...!
SOMETHING WRONG?
WELL THEN.
SEE YOU AT 1 A.M.
I CAN STILL FEEL HIS NECK...
...AND NO AMOUNT OF WASHING IS MAKING IT GO AWAY.
TWO MORE, HUH...
...EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.
SMACK


BRUMMMMMMMM
...!!
AAH-
SPLURCH

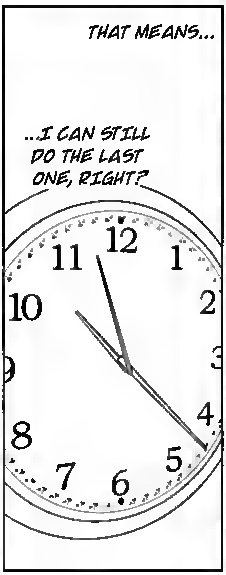
THUMP
REMAINING TIME
3:09:44

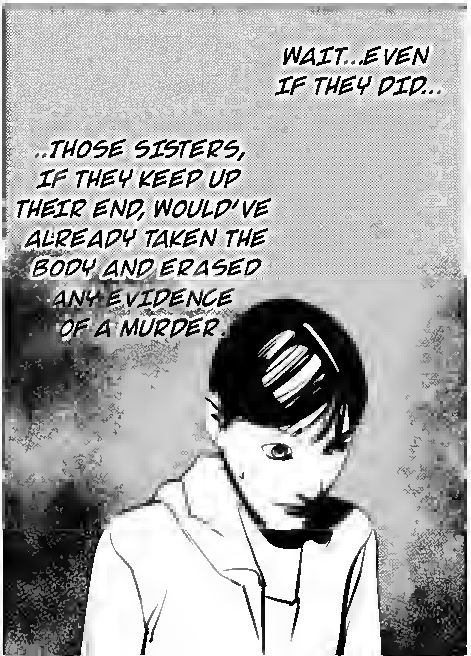
HUH
THERE'S...
..NO TURNING BACK NOW.
NO TIME FOR DOUBTS.
I NEED MY THIRD VICTIM... ANYONE WILL DO.
I'VE KILLED TWO PEOPLE
..ONE LEFT...
CLANK

SLIP
AH-
I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!
DASH

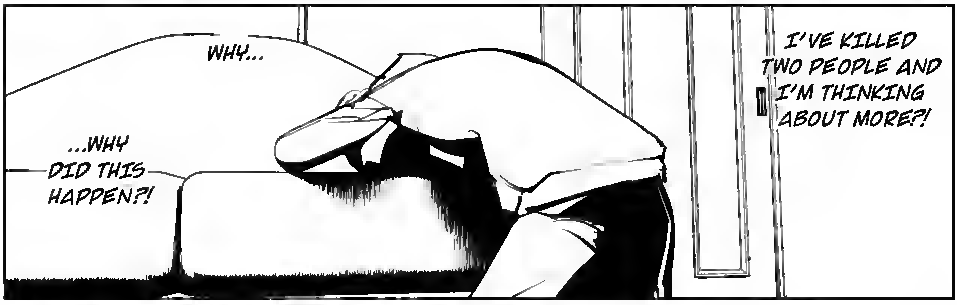


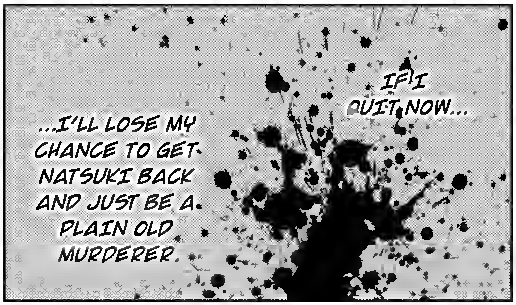
...I TURNED AROUND, THAT PERSON SAW MY FACE.
I'M FINISHED..
THEY'VE PROBABLY ALREADY TOLD THE POLICE..


THAT MEANS...
...I CAN STILL DO THE LAST ONE, RIGHT?

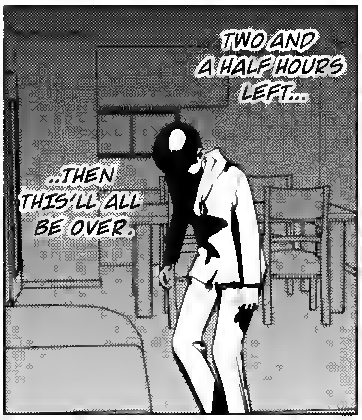

WAIT..EVEN IF THEY DID..
..THOSE SISTERS, IF THEY KEEP UP THEIR END, WOULD'VE ALREADY TAKEN THE BODY AND ERASED ANY EVIDENCE OF A MURDER.

NO!
NO!
WHAT AM I THINKING?!

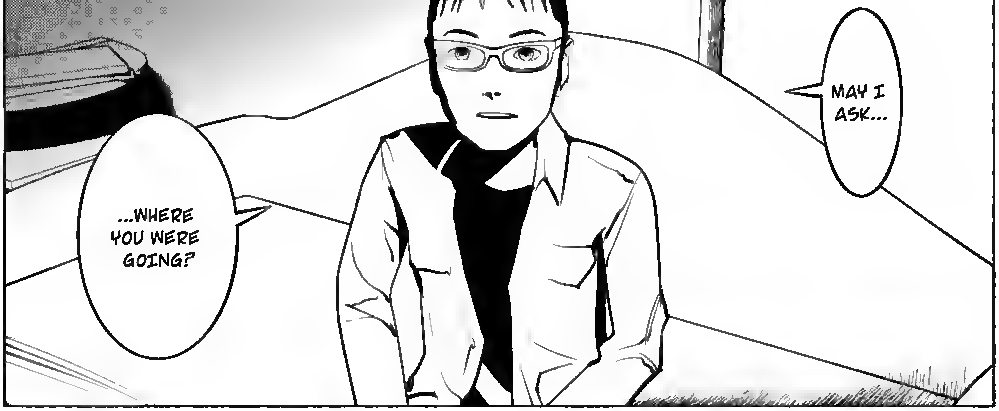

WHY...
...WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?!
I'VE KILLED TWO PEOPLE AND I'M THINKING ABOUT MORE?!


IF I QUIT NOW...
...I'LL LOSE MY CHANCE TO GET NATSUKI BACK AND JUST BE A PLAIN OLD MURDERER.

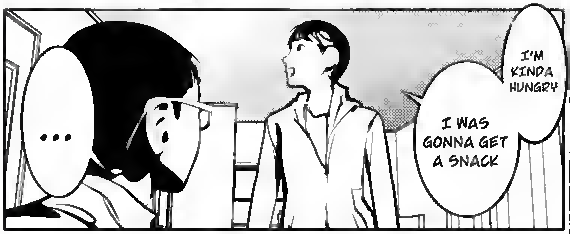
I WANT TO ESCAPE...
...I NEVER SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO HER!


TWO AND A HALF HOURS LEFT...
...THEN THIS'LL ALL BE OVER.

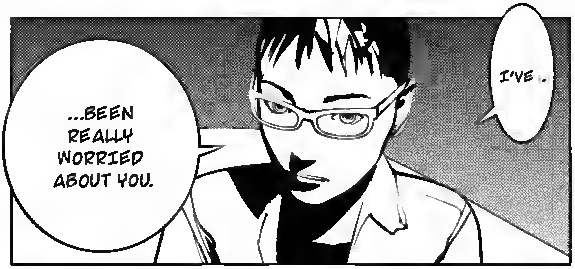
KACHIK
CAN I COME IN?
TOSHI-AKI-SAN.
K-
KOUICHI-KUN?
...I EVEN WENT BACK TO WORK TODAY?
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ME ANYMORE...
WHAT DOES HE WANT?
JUST GO HOME, I'M SHORT ON TIME HERE.


MAY I ASK...
...WHERE YOU WERE GOING?

...
UH-


I'M KINDA HUNGRY
I WAS GONNA GET A SNACK
...

UHH-
OH!
JUST RUNNING TO THE STORE.

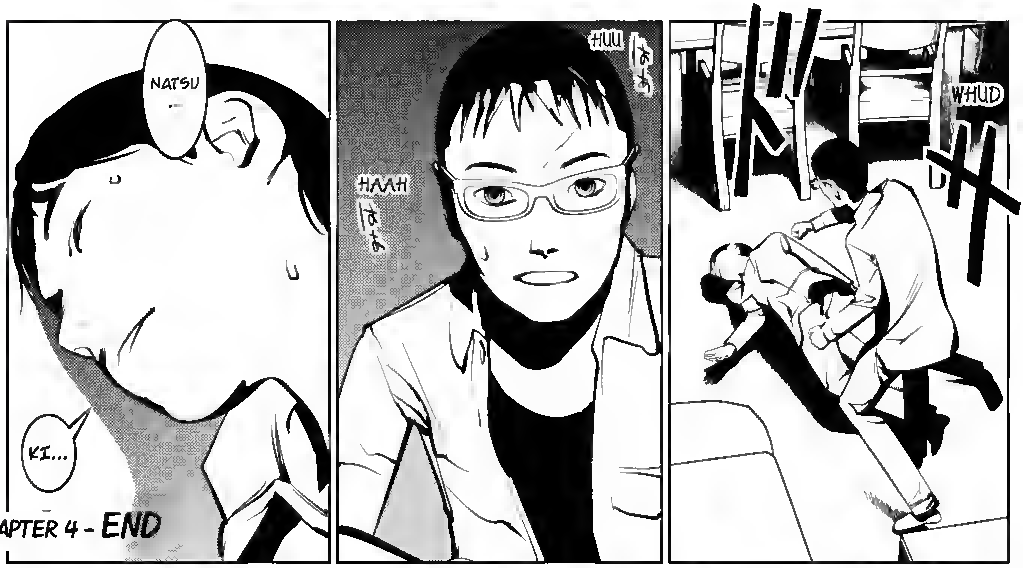

I'VE
...BEEN REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

SO I FOLLOWED YOU...
...ALL DAY TODAY...

AND ...
I SAW YOU...
...I SAW YOU KILL.
...!
I KNEW I HAD TO TALK TO YOU IN PERSON.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES...I WAS TERRIFIED, I WANTED TO RUN.
TELL ME WHY...
...WHY WOULD YOU KILL IN COLD BLOOD?!

...WAS KOUICHI-KUN...
THAT SHADOW...
HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN THIS TO MY SISTER WHEN YOUR TIME COMES?!
I HAVE TO HEAR IT FROM YOU!
ANSWER ME!
NATSUKI'S GOING TO COME BACK TO LIFE!
BUT FIRST I HAVE TO KILL THREE PEOPLE.
JUST ONE LEFT!
E-
EASY, KOUICHI-KUN!
I'VE GOT A GOOD REASON!
JUST LISTEN!
OH MY GOD...

I'VE ALREADY KILLED TWICE...
...IF I QUIT NOW IT'LL ALL BE FOR NOTHING!
I'M DOING THIS FOR NATSUKI!
I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT IT'S TRUE!
DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
AFTERWARDS I SWEAR I'LL TURN MYSELF IN.
OKAY?
JUST WAIT TWO HOURS...
AND I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!
OKAY!
ONE MORE!
I JUST NEED TO KILL ONE MORE-
LET'S GO TO THE POLICE.
...COME ON.
TURN YOURSELF IN



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